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## How I missed the pope but found a church

by Tisha Tumangan

I am homesick already. I have traveled abroad before, but not this far or for this long since my mother passed away.

**Saturday  
August 9**

I look over at the seat next to me on the plane. Joey is sitting there calmly. He is 17 years old, a senior in high school. This is not his first trip away from the United States either. We are just two in a group of 46 making the trip of a lifetime to see the pope and attend World Youth Day — this year to be held in Paris, France.

Our plane will be landing in Rome, however, the first of many stops before reaching Paris.

"Why are you going on this trip?" I asked him, expecting the normal answers of fun, excitement, or adventure.

"I am here to strengthen my faith," he said.

It was then it occurred to me that in the midst of the fundraising, and the packing and making sure Dad knew how to water the plants, that I had lost sight of my original intention of the trip.

And so, as our plane flew over the Atlantic, my spiritual journey began.

In the two days we have been in Rome, I have seen one basilica, two chapels and an order of nuns. I purchased

**Monday  
August 11**

several rosary beads to be blessed by the pope.

But do I feel more spiritual? That remains to be seen.

Rome is magnificent, however. St. Peter's Basilica was beautiful. I thought it would be cold and severe, but instead I found it gracious and soothing. Also on a positive note, the kids have figured out what the second "toilet" is for in their hotel rooms.

This morning we had an audience with the pope. It was an intimate crowd of 5,000 people.

Many in attendance

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August 13**

were on their way to World Youth Day like us. Quite a few countries were represented including Argentina, Brazil, Spain, France, the Philippines and many areas of the United States.

The atmosphere reminded me more of a rock concert than a spiritual gathering. The pope looked frail and tired, yet he com-

manded the presence of everyone in the room. His message of love and family left us with a positive feeling.

We had an early morning mass in Assisi today before traveling to Florence.

The outside of the chapel we used was plain and nondescript, but the inside was a feast for the eyes: marble everywhere, paintings on the walls and old, creaking wooden pews.

Our monsignor reminded us that this is a pilgrimage — not a vacation.

Many of us had worked so hard for so long that all the early mornings and long days had been getting the best of us. But as I sat in that little church I got my second wind.

I knew that despite the fatigue and the continental breakfasts, I felt good. And it was a feeling I wanted to take home and share.

Later, as we walked through Florence, I felt a little melancholy because I knew I would not be able to remember every little detail that I was seeing and feeling. Thank goodness there are 45 other people sharing these experiences with me. I am not alone in my journey.

Having spent a good deal of time on the motorcoach the last two days (I don't envy the driver's job of cleaning up after us), it felt good to spend some time in Lourdes. Still, the long bus rides have given us a chance to get to know one another.

Yesterday, Lisa and I came up with nicknames for everyone, quite a feat considering I didn't know most of these people 10 days ago. Now we are the "St. John's Bus Mafia."

France is much different than Italy. And Lourdes is different than Nice (where we spent Friday night). It is filled with tourists, some needing to be healed in the body, some in the soul. Despite the crowded streets and plastic

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August 14**



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Review**

As I filled up my Evian bottle with the water, I felt centered and stronger. I am by no means what you would call a "good Catholic," but it did feel good to be around all these people — especially the youth who felt so strongly and enthusiastically about something.

The candlelight procession in the evening was inspiring. Our energies were in perfect harmony. It was very impressive. We closed the ceremony cheering, "on to World Youth Day!"

Arrived in Paris last night after a grueling bus ride. We lost our tour guide and bus driver from Rome today. Our new guide and driver seem a bit flustered by our tardiness and lack of interest in the "facts" about Paris.

We are a unique group. This morning was filled with sights like the Champs-Elysees, Napoleon's Tomb and the Paris Opera House. In the afternoon, we found ourselves switching to the hotel across the street because our hotel has no air conditioning and shuts off the running water during the day.

This morning, the kids attend-

bottles shaped like Mary (for holding your holy water). It is a spiritual place. Walking around the Grotto were so many types of people with so many backgrounds, but a common purpose and faith.

The activities are diverse (everything from karaoke to candlelight vigils) and spread out through Paris, but mostly concentrated around the area of the Eiffel Tower and Trocadero Gardens.

As we ride the metro (the Paris subway system), we see hundreds of kids from all over the world. Paris is bustling with the world's youth. Everywhere we look we see WYD name tags and smiling faces.

Today I climbed the Eiffel Tower with Lisa, Jonathan, Carlos, Fred and Bob. It felt good (at least after the climb). The view from the top made me feel so small. The crowded (and "scented") elevator ride down grounded me back in reality.

Tonight, on the metro ride home, I was reminded of what great kids we have at St. John's. Anthony, Eddy, Greg, Robert, Christina and Nicole showed themselves to be mature and intelligent when, despite provocation, they refrained from kicking the daylights out of some very rude Parisians. I am so proud.

This evening, we attended a mass for the groups from the San Diego Diocese. It was held in a hotel conference room, which goes to prove that church is not a building but a community.

Each time we have mass, I find myself shaking more hands and hugging more people. I can't help but feel like our group is special. I watch our kids as they take every-

thing in. They are so observant and I have gained a new respect for them over the course of this trip.

In the beginning, they reacted to things like normal teenagers (a contradiction — I know), sighting mainly the differences. Now, I hear more from their observations. They are growing together as a group, stronger as individuals. I am excited about what they will be bringing home to their families and to the community.

Damon, Pam, Katie and I join a candlelight vigil at the fountains in front of Palais de Chaillot (you might think these vigils get old, but they don't). In the crowd of people, I felt alone, but not lonely.

My moment had come: my spiritual epiphany. It took coming all the way to Paris (a city that I did not really feel at home in), but I felt strong, centered and at peace. My enthusiasm for life, humanity, and all things in general had doubled.

What triggered it? It could have been the beautiful candlelight, the thousands of glowing people from all over the world, the bottle of *vino rosso* at dinner or the closeness I felt to the friends with whom I stood (it definitely was not the singing of "Kumbayah" — which I will never understand).

Whatever it was, I felt great! As the event culminated into a finale, the people jumped into the fountains, showing a zest for life that comes with spiritual fulfillment. Their enthusiasm validated my own emotions of the evening.

On the way back to the hotel, I longed to be a part of the global community I had perceived. I am not just an American, but something larger. In this case, a young Catholic.

Our last day in Paris. The kids overnights in a racetrack with the rest of the world (and I mean

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# M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

The short portion of Alton Drive between Glencoe and Eldora will, in the very near future, become a one-way street. The City Council, at its meeting on Sept. 2, decided to make this change after receiving a petition from the residents that live on that part of Alton. They had complaints about the width of the street, speeding and impaired line of sight that placed their property and children in jeopardy. However, before this matter came to the City Council, the residents had the assistance of the Traffic Advisory Committee in formulating a recommendation that met their needs as well as those of the rest of the city.

Not many citizens are aware of the existence of the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). This group is composed of a city councilmember, city manager, city engineer, a representative of the sheriff's dept., a school district employee and a public member. Its job is to investigate problems with traffic in Lemon Grove and make recommendations to the City Council as to how to solve those problems.

Most of these problems are brought to the Traffic Advisory Committee by citizens. Others are initiated by the city, the Sheriff's Department or the school district. I have served as the City Council's representative for the past year. In that time, we have looked at the traffic flow around the schools, the placement of signal lights and stop signs throughout the city and various other problems dealing with parking and speeding. These are only a few of the issues the TAC studied and made recommendations on for the City Council.

Currently, the city and the school district are working through the TAC to put together a workable plan to assist our students in safely crossing the streets near the schools. There are many other traffic-related situations in our city that also need resolved. For example, I believe this committee should be the entity that takes a comprehensive look at speeding, especially in our residential areas, and formulates a plan for addressing that problem.

Any traffic issue that a citizen wishes to have addressed should be sent to the TAC at City Hall. Letters or petitions are enough to get the ball rolling. These can be sent to the attention of the City Engineer or myself.

The TAC meets every other month on the third Thursday at the fire station. The next meeting is on Oct. 16. Currently, the meeting time is being scheduled to a later time to allow working citizens to attend. Please call Kim in Public Works (464-6934) to verify the time.

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

	High	Low
Sept. 3	94	73
Sept. 4	97	72
Sept. 5	92	70
Sept. 6	92	70
Sept. 7	91	70
Sept. 8	94	67
Sept. 9	95	68

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# Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

You've heard people ask for guidance by asking, (usually in an upwards direction) "Please! Just give me a sign, any sign!" Then, after they receive several bricks to the head, you usually can observe them ignore said "signs", and go along the cyclical path they would have taken anyway.

Well, the Lemon Grove Historical Society has a better idea. Instead of bricks to the head, they're going to help guide you in a different kind of circle. Using bricks, which (if you've received the right kind of fiscal guidance and paid a tax-deductible contribution of \$100.) will contain your personalized engraving, will pave a pathway to be called "Angel's Walk," circling its new home, the Atherton Parsonage.

The society encourages you to discuss this important project with your family, to decide how you want your inscription to read. Your contribution will be placed in the society's Building Restoration Fund. For more information, please call 462-6494, or 463-9193. Although Helen Ofield said it's time to get "a brick in every brain," the society really intends to place them where they'll have a lasting effect.

Some of life's most precious rewards come in the form of words. Lemon Grove never seems to have a shortage of statements to tickle me, and with all the death and destruction that's been happening in the last week or so, we could all use a laugh. Here's a couple that I've gleaned from the wealth contained in the last historical society's meeting:

John Davis, as he presented gifts of appreciation to guest speaker, school district's new superintendent Dr. Lean King: "We don't really know what it is that you drink over there, but here's your cup."

Amorita Treganza (in her own abbreviated style of clothing), while presenting the business part of the meeting: "While we're waiting (for the treasurer to arrive), why don't you all just take off your shoes? I know I feel much more comfortable."

Mesa Valley Grove needs your help to save their seniors' nutritional (meals) program, and with the efforts of Lemon Grove Kiwanis, will feed you at the same time. On Saturday, you can join the effort by enjoying a very reasonable (\$3.) pancake breakfast in Berry Street Park, from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m., and the accompanying car show which will continue until an undetermined time. If you have a car to enter, the cost is \$5, and includes two breakfasts.

MVG says that net proceeds will benefit the nutritional program. ahem. Optimism and good intentions aside, it doesn't take Tesla to tally a net loss from those that enter their cars for the show. However, if everyone that is able to, coughs up a little extra for their breakfast, they can help the center make a profit, instead of having another fund-losers. Hopefully, the organizers of future MVG events will understand that Lemonites know that giving to their seniors is a bargain at any price. I'll see you there!

If Councilman Tom Clabby ever decides to take up an avocation, he could probably make it in meteorology. Tom (who evidently also looks up when asking for guidance) is predicting heavy rains in March, which could really screw up the capital improvement schedule. Lucky for us, new CIP administrator, Larry Pierce says that the public works department is flexible in that regard.

Who the heck is Papa Razzi, and why is he screwing around with my ability to get information? I went out to the new (and quite lovely) Dan Kunkel Park, hoping to find some kids at play for a good photo to accompany Dr. Bob's story. The place was completely empty, so I waited by following my dog around with plastic bags as he performed his own park dedication by a few trees. Finally, a couple of kids came to throw a Frisbee. As I usually try to get names, ages, schools and grade levels of the children I shoot (with my camera, honest!), I got out my pad and pencil and asked for the info. "You a reporter? No way. You can take our picture, but you can't use our names, Man", said the elder of the boys, who appeared to be all of 10 years old. Who knows, maybe he's read this column before, or is just wise beyond his years.

If you'd like to make the rest of us all the wiser, send your press releases and announcements to The Review, or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or cirious@cts.com (Internet). And, if you see Papa Razzi, tell him to leave the rest of us alone!

Community Notes

Lemon Grove Middle School to hold candy sale

The Lemon Grove Middle School Music Parents will kick off their annual candy sale on Saturday. Lemon Grove Middle School Band students will be going door to door to sell the candy. The proceeds help support the Lemon Grove Music Program, benefiting 4th through 8th grade band and orchestra students. The candy sale has been an annual event since 1949.

For further information call Avril Lane at 697-8882.

Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population:	25,100	Craig Lake
Incorporated:	1977	Dwight Shelley
Area:	3.75 sq. mi.	Jeff Jandura
Median income:	\$34,399	City Manager: Doug Yount
1996-97 city budget:	\$26.3 million	Planning Director: Jim Butler
1996 taxable sales:	\$265 million	City Attorney: Gloria McLean
Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom		City Clerk: Christine Taub
Council: Thomas Clabby		Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins



## Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce

# GAZETTE

## And The Beat Goes On

by Mary England

It has been a terrific 5 months for the Chamber! As of Aug. 31 we are pleased to announce that we have enrolled 62 new member! Yes we are not only strengthening our Chamber through increased membership but, we are offering fantastic mixers, great seminars and recently joined an organization that provides us access to discount cards, tickets to many attractions throughout Southern California! Disneyland, Sea World, Harbor Excursion, The Zoo, Wild Animal Park, discount room rates at various hotels, The Wax Museum and much, much more! Just another new benefit to Chamber membership-don't be left out - call the Chamber Office at 469-9621 to get all the info on becoming a member - do something for yourself, your business and your employees - Chamber membership is really painless!

Speaking of mixers - what a great mixer hosted by Hillside Terrace Apartments on Aug. 27. A very special "thank you" to owner Robert Hammond, Victoria Orr, resident manager and our own Board Member Holli Dominick, who also works there - your efforts were very much appreciated! The food was terrific, the hospitality was outstanding and we gave away 14 raffle items - don't be left out - join us on Sept. 24 at our First Annual Business To Business Mixer, enjoy a great menu hosted by one of our newest Chamber members, Rick Atherton, owner of Rick's Catering. Thank you Rick in advance for your generosity! Take this opportunity to browse through a vast assortment of table displays and network with those businesses. There will be various items to purchase, as well as give-a-ways to take home. Admission \$5, purchase a 1/2 table display for \$10 or a full table display for \$15, call the Chamber office 469-9621 to reserve your table or ticket(s).

Well, for those of you who missed it-another "First" annual event was quite successful - the Progressive Dinner held on Aug. 23 proved to be unique and a whole lot of fun. There are pictures "floating" around of lots of your favorite people really enjoying themselves! We'd like to thank the following for their donations. Tony and Karen Conforte of K.C. Good Guy's. Rosemary Putnam. Jeff of Da Boyz Pizza, John Margolin of Tyler's Taste of Texas Restaurant, Vaughn Jacobs, Tina da Rosa of Alpine Rentals, Cookie Ringhand and Alexandra Nath of The Town & Country Resort Hotel. Fun fund-raising events, like this are not possible without the support of caring businesses and business people like them! Also a very special "thank you" to the following who opened their hearts and their homes to us - Colleen and Rick Jackson, Dona and Tom Clabby and Dennis and Mary England - we're sure your homes will never be the same!

Please join us for two monumental events this year-Sept. 18-12 noon to 1:30 lunch at Lido's Italian Restaurant with radio and television personality, Larry Himmel - cost \$10. Then get ready to join us at our Lemon Grove Senior Center on Saturday, Oct. 11 as we celebrate our 50th anniversary with "Gold Rush Fever" - play your favorite games - roulette, craps, blackjack and the hot new game - Casino War, as you dine, enjoy a "silent" auction and socialize with our community! The \$25 ticket price includes \$200 worth of gaming chips and if your really want a "deal" - purchase your tickets prior to Sept. 30 and receive \$400 worth of gaming chips for the evening! Double your Pleasure - double your fun!

Did you know? The pilot program, "Project Lemon Grove" is off to a great start? The "Kick off" celebration was held on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Community Center. An in depth slide presentation, as well as remarks from the ECEDC Staff, and others explained the program and exactly what benefits are in store for the 63 Lemon Grove businesses who will participate for free! This project is underwritten by the City of Lemon Grove who has the vision to "step up to the plate" and provide a fantastic opportunity to promote our business community! For questions or to find out more-call ECEDC 462-3312 or your Chamber Office 469-9621 (who also supports this project and is committed to it's success).

Stay Tuned-For another "Work in Progress" - We are pleased to announce that Jill Greer has volunteered to chair our Chamber Newsletter Team. Watch for your first edition - soon in the mail! Just another way to keep you informed!

### Business to Business Mixer

5:30-7:30 p.m. September 24

Lemon Grove Community Center

3146 School Ln.

table tops - \$10 1/2 table, \$15 full table  
General admission, \$5

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

Casino Night - "Gold Rush Fever"

7 - 11 p.m. October 11

Lemon Grove Senior Center

8235 Mt. Vernon St.

Gaming, Silent Auction & Great Food  
\$25 per person

## Calendar of upcoming events & community activities for your benefit

### September

- Today CHAMBER BOARD MEETING - 5:30 p.m.-Fire Station  
Sept. 18 Special Luncheon - Lido's Restaurant-Private Dining Room - Celebrity Speaker Larry Himmel 12 Noon-1:30 p.m., Everyone welcome! "Kick Off" Adopt-A-Child Program. For particulars call the Chamber Office 469-9621  
Sept. 19 Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m. -8:30 a.m., Senior Center "Seeking Unity Through Our Diversity" For details contact Dr. Bob Ekvall, 466-3291.  
Sept. 24 First Annual Business to Business Mixer - Join us and celebrate the Chamber's 50th Anniversary! Lemon Grove Community Center. You may purchase table tops to promote your business - \$10 1/2 table, \$15 full table - General admission, \$5. 5:30-7:30 p.m. To order your tickets or table space contact the Chamber office 469-9621.

### October

- Oct. 9 CHAMBER BOARD MEETING - 5:30 p.m. Fire Station.  
Oct. 11 50th Anniversary Celebration Casino Night - "Gold Rush Fever"-Lemon Grove Senior Center Gaming, Silent Auction & Great Food. \$25 per person includes \$200 gaming chips-purchase tickets before Sept. 30 and "Double Your Pleasure" get \$400 worth of gaming chips! Call the Chamber office for more info or tickets 469-9621.  
Oct. 18 Annual Paint Lemon Grove - Contact the City of Lemon Grove to be a house Captain or participate.  
Oct. 29 Halloween Mixer - Held at Letter-Kraft Printing. Hosted by Letter-Kraft & Top Hat Catering. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Bring a can of food to support the Lemon Grove Food Bank - Call the Chamber Office for reservations-469-9621.

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## Legislative Matters

by Jack Moore

President Clinton signing of the 1998 budget committed 4.3 cents of federal gas tax to a Highway Trust Fund, estimated to be \$6.9 billion of which California could get between \$600 and \$700 million. This sets the stage for congressional implementation. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bud Shuster (R-PA) has a 3-year plan supported by the California Chamber of Commerce, but the plan needs support from local constituencies.

Studies across the nation reveal that areas with the best infrastructure reap the most rewards in terms of job growth and personal income, because infrastructure is a prerequisite before a company locates.

**Lemon Grove:** The city is seeking bids to (1) resurface streets: Broadway from West St. to Grove St., and Lemon Grove Ave. from High St. to Central Ave., and (2) bike lanes Broadway from West St. to Grove St., Grove St. from Broadway to SR 94, and Buena Vista Ave. from Broadway to High St.

The city paid \$370,167 to ABC Construction for completion of median improvements on Broadway and on Lemon Grove Ave. Funded by Proposition "A" Street Construction Fund.



**I** receive more blessings than I deserve. One Saturday last year, my friend Diane called. She's a lay sister with the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order. So she knew, and whispered to me, that Mother Teresa was around, visiting the MC houses in Tijuana and San Diego, in secret like she does, since she'd rather not get mobbed.

The MCs rise early. Diane said Mother would attend Sunday mass at St. Jude's church at 7 a.m. After a late night at a birthday party up the coast, I staggered from bed to my car and blearily followed Diane's directions.

St. Jude's is in National City, in an old flatland neighborhood of two bedroom homes and vintage Chevrolets so lowered so that sparks fly from underneath. There are plentiful thrift stores, corner groceries and at least one storefront evangelical church on every block.

Mother Teresa's secret had gotten out. People in orange vests directed traffic. In the parking lot, vendors sold oranges, onions, tapes and CDs in Spanish. I didn't see any Mother Teresa dolls, but I was still half asleep.

At 6:30, there was standing room only. I found a place against the west wall near the front section which soon filled with the MC sisters in their white saris. They're mostly small brown women with eyes so bright, at first glance they could pass for

# Mother Teresa Walked Here

by Ken Kuhlken



Steve and Trudy saw Teresa at the University of San Diego in 1988.

children. Two summers ago, I spent a few days around the MC seminary and soup kitchen in Tijuana, and concluded that the order's sisters and brothers, in their daily routine of service, study and devotions, enjoy life more than anybody.

Up front, across from me was a small choir accompanied by a guitar and electric keyboard. They sang folk-style hymns like *Change my heart oh God, make it ever new, change my heart oh God, make me be like you...*

I leaned against the wall observing the

congregation, vaguely aware that my heart did need to change, since my pastime that morning was criticism. I grumbled inaudibly at the people who crowded, trying to position themselves for a good view of Mother Teresa's approach. I disdained the TV camera bearers who seemed to think they had an inborn right to nudge the rest of us aside. Watching the choir, I wondered if the women wearing doilies on their heads believed the accessory would meet the spirit of Saint Paul's admonition that women should keep their heads covered in church. Alert for any sign of humbug or hypocrisy, I noted that one of the priests who chanted a responsorial psalm sounded much like a particularly off-key karaoke singer at a certain late night Chinese restaurant.

When Mother Teresa entered at the rear of a procession of sisters and escorts, I sneered at the rubbernecks, asking myself why these folks didn't comprehend that to worship a human offended God. The question was rhetorical — obviously, people acted so boorishly because they weren't as cool or enlightened as me.

During mass, I considered the priest's accent monotonous and uninspired, as though after 40 years of mouthing the same lines, it all sounded to him like blah blah blah.

Attending Catholic services, I can get impatient with communion, as I'm not a Catholic and realize I'm not supposed to participate. But while a young woman read, "He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance' ..." and the choir chanted, *Sing hallelujah to the Lord*, a breath of Spirit touched me. Through all the minutes while wafers were distributed, I heard a small voice reminding me that I ought to pluck the log out of my own eye before bothering over the speck in somebody else's. So my heart felt somewhat renewed by the time Mother Teresa walked to the altar.

In strong, mild English, she said, "Let us ask Our Lady to give us her heart ... so that we will offer service to the poorest of the poor."

Neither weathered skin nor stooped shoulders could alter the kind of beauty she

exhibited, as she recited from the Gospel of Matthew. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me ..."

Her eloquence depends upon simplicity and a talent for repeating without condescension. Her message always expresses or implies that by serving the poorest of the poor, the MCs minister to Christ in his distressing disguise.

This morning she quoted, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

She only spoke a few minutes, yet three times she asked that we pray for the MCs and the poorest of the poor.

So I joined the receiving line. As those of us standing went first, it only took a few minutes, during which I got blessed with a clear recognition that God, the source of all power, only works through people who stand aside and let him.

Mother Teresa has built a mighty force of little, brown, meek, powerful women, because she knows and practices the art of humility, as perfectly as anyone I've witnessed. Her ego vanishes. God fills the vacuum.

One of her warm hands touched mine and the other pressed my forehead. She smiled as though I were her son, and her greatness revealed itself instantly. Because I realized that although she earned a Nobel



Jim and Myrtle visited the convent in Shelltown where Teresa stayed during her visit to St. Jude's last year.

prize and is frequently called a living saint, she considers herself no better than me.

Talk about humility.

Ken Kuhlken of La Mesa is a novelist and teaches writing at San Diego State University.

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## Bauder: East County is like a small town

by Steven Saint

Most population charts will rank San Diego as the nation's sixth-largest city, but don't believe it if you want the local economy to recover.

Financial columnist Don Bauder says the sprawling metropolis of San Diego is a statistical fiction and the sooner we start acting like a group of small towns, the better our economic decisions will be.

"We've made a lot of mistakes in this city because people kept saying we're the sixth-largest city in the country," Bauder told members of the East County Regional Chamber of Commerce at last week's "First Friday" breakfast. "We're not. We have to be realistic. This rah-rah mentality has gotten in the way."

Bauder, who has lived on Mount Helix the past 23 years, writes a daily column for the San Diego Union-Tribune. He came to the La Mesa breakfast armed with charts and graphs produced by the newspaper's resident number-cruncher.

While the numbers show the San Diego area has the sixth-largest population, the region falls in the mid-twenties when it comes to purchasing power. The relatively high cost of living (19 points above the national average) seems largely attributed to the high cost of housing.

Housing is generally more expensive in San Diego than in Los Angeles or Riverside, according to Bauder's charts. The region ranks 18th on one list of "Total Effective Buying Income" (trailing Los Angeles, Oakland and Orange County).

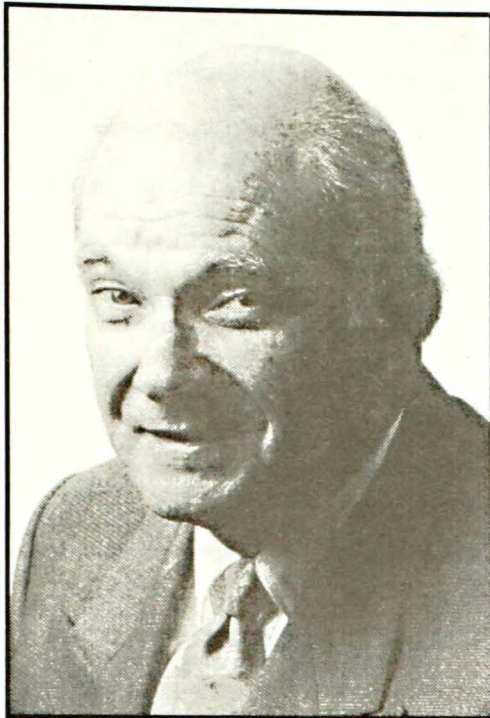
"I don't think it's a problem that we're not a large market," he said. "The largest markets have terrible problems I don't think we want to have. Do you want to be another LA?"

The area's small-town economy has been disrupted throughout the decade the downsizing of large aerospace firms and the advent of mega-chains like Wal-Mart and Costco. Plunging defense spending led to a net out-migration from San Diego in 1993-95, gutted the building industry and has left East County below the county average for high-paying jobs.

Bauder said the trends seemed to have bottomed out and the local economy is showing signs of recovery.

"The situation is positive — we are recovering," he said. "We'll probably never be where we were in the 1980s, but that was artificially inflated."

Bauder said there has been serious successes in converting from defense-related industries to post-war business. The service economy has grown at the expense of manufacturing, but service-sector jobs



Financial columnist Don Bauder

are paying more than they used to.

Retail sales and tourist spending are both up this year.

Bauder said local businesses must gird themselves against the supreme competition offered by mega-chains. East County redevelopment projects have brought companies like Wal-Mart, Costco, Home Depot and Hollywood Video into the area, damaging the viability of independent retailers.

"It's lamentable that Wal-Mart and Costco are getting so much of the money, shifting away from local retailers," Bauder said. "These big chains do volume buying of products from countries where products are made by slave labor. I don't think it's right, but people seem to go for price only."

He said local retailers have to find a market niche — customer service or unique products — which will keep customer loyalty in the face of price wars.

He pointed to the clustering of antique shops in La Mesa as an example of creating a market niche.

"We're staring in a positive direction," he said, "but we're not there yet."

The East County Regional Chamber of Commerce was created in July by the merging of the La Mesa and El Cajon chambers. For information on chamber events and services, call 440-6161.

## Commentary

## Mesa Valley Grove deserves a helping hand

by Bob Burns

The Mesa Valley Grove Senior program must continue. The recent revelations as to the financial difficulties are appalling, but the program is too important to be allowed to die. The many extremely valuable services that the organization performs are just too vital to the community to be lost. Whatever the management sins of omission or commission are can certainly be corrected.

As a relative outsider to the management, it would seem to me that somewhere along the way they took a turn for the worse. I know that the Kiwanis Club did contribute in funds as well as in physical help in the fundraisers. The city of Lemon Grove, of course, has subsidized the program, as well it should. We built the Senior Center for just that purpose, and it would be a shame to see it put to other uses exclusively.

I have to say that I was a bit dismayed with the management. There was a cry for great need of space and it was discussed that the front building be expanded. This could have been done by taking a bit of the patio and extending the large south room, increasing the space by more than half. Before our plans went very far, it was decided to move the day care program to Spring Valley which cut out some of their income. It was never clear to me how that decision was made.

In the past we enjoyed a number of fun fundraisers which did make money. I was honored to be king of the Mardi Gras and we have attended each of them. The "Real Men Cookout" was a marvelous function, and I have heard many of the participants begging that it be repeated. The ice cream socials and pancake breakfasts by those master Kiwanis Flippers were all money-makers and most enjoyable. We all miss Pam Takahashi, who seemed to have a real knack for putting together profitable events.

I have gotten the feeling recently that the management has systematically gotten rid of some key people, replacing them with the not-so-effective kind. Dealing with seniors is a special talent and needs very deep understanding of the elderly, with all of their problems. Experts in nutrition may well be very capable of designing the meals, but the food is only a small part of it. Inspiring the volunteers, and the PR ramifications must be collateral to the nourishment of not only bodies but soul as well.

It would seem to me that a shake up is needed. The Lemon Grove School District has already committed to continuing the meals with a payback of funds on a protracted scale. The city should jump in and provide some sort of help with a no-interest loan or something to keep it going. I am also sure that the other big companies that are owed would do the same.

But a definite plan must be developed and adhered to. Look into the cost of the meals, as \$5-plus seems high. Then, emphasize that *everyone* pays the pittance that is charged for the meals. And finally, restore the fundraisers. Kiwanis stands ready with spatulas at port arms ready to flip. The Irish tacos, the Fireman's stew and the Oriental fish of the last Real Men Cookout were great hits and are ready to go again.

Please, keep the MVG senior program alive and well in East County.

For the benefit of anyone who doesn't know, Bob Burns is former mayor and city councilman in Lemon Grove.

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## Habitat to resell used building materials

by Cheryl Cohen

San Diego's Habitat for Humanity, now headquartered in East County, has expanded its horizons by starting a new building materials thrift store in Lemon Grove called ReStore.

The goal of Habitat is to eliminate poverty housing in the world, and a giant step has been taken by the establishment of this warehouse.

Lloyd Morris, ReStore's director, says that this program extends

Habitat's program by "reaching those who would have qualified for one of our homes, except that they already owned one".

By making available building elements at lower than half their usual cost, low-income homeowners will be able to afford badly-needed home repairs.

By this extension of Habitat's program, they will also be able to augment their existing home-building and financing program, and help to recycle and reuse materials that would normally get thrown away.

On Labor Day, several volunteers braved the heat to install telephone wiring and work on the building's electrical system. Stacks of doors, windows, bricks, tiles and plumbing fixtures awaited organization into one of the many isles outlined in the floor plan.

Major appliances, kitchen cab-

inets, windows, doors, plumbing fixtures of all kinds, electrical supplies, hardware, and all types of paint and wall covering will be available at ReStore.

ReStore's wish list, aside from the general "materials, money and people", includes shopping carts and dollies, a wide range of small tools (for refurbishing items for sale), lumber and shelving materials, a forklift, and a medium-duty cargo truck equipped with a hydraulic lift.

He also is looking for dynamic volunteers with experience in bookkeeping, cashing, marketing, and special event coordinating. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer, call Melanie or Lloyd at 465-7576.

More work is needed, but Morris is optimistic that they will pass inspection and be ready for a gala grand opening scheduled for mid-October.



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# Letter to the Editor

## Yes, Let's Talk Sidewalks

I've often referred to sidewalks as an example of new capital improvements for Lemon Grove to be paid for from new General Fund revenues that have come in by the millions of dollars since 1994 when Home Depot opened and because of the general economic improvement.

Let's examine the benefits of sidewalks:

1. With curb and gutter, sidewalks reduce the maintenance costs and extend the life of the asphalt roadbeds. Otherwise, asphalt cracks and crumbles where it meets dirt and mud, and is perpetually in disrepair.

2. Sidewalks facilitate code enforcement. The city cannot always readily determine if an abandoned or junk vehicle or

trailer is on city property or private. The result is costly delay or nonenforcement.

3. Sidewalks discourage the use of front yards for off street parking.

4. Sidewalks encourage property owners to improve their properties as evidenced when Helix Water District installed sidewalks on San Miguel and Skyline.

5. Sidewalks provide for pedestrian safety-not having to walk on the street or on dirt/mud gutters.

6. The curb and gutter facilitates flood control and prevents soil erosion.

7. Sidewalks have an infinite life with no maintenance and operating costs.

8. Sidewalks improve property values far beyond their costs. And they surely pay for themselves many times over by reducing the workload of the operating departments, and maybe saving a life.

The question is not whether we can afford sidewalks, but can we afford not to have them.

It is contrariness for city hall and its publicists to boast of its financial well-being, and then plead poverty when it comes to new capital improvements.

Fact is, city General Fund revenues have increased by \$3.1 million since 1994. Not one dime has gone toward a sidewalk. Sidewalk, with curb and gutter, costs about \$20 a linear foot. \$105,000 would buy a linear mile of sidewalk. Home Depot sales tax receipts to Lemon Grove alone could have already purchased 24 miles of sidewalk.

Incidentally, we have sidewalks on our street. But Lemon Grove is infamous for not having sidewalks. It's an embarrassment.

Before the General Plan visions can progress toward reality, the residential infrastructure will need improved because that's the tax base that feeds property taxes, sales taxes, and business in general. Business is not attracted to a blighted community. Notwithstanding the flowers on Broadway (funded by grant money), I'm convinced we're regressing backwards as we approach the 21st Century.

The naysayers and negativists need to have the courage not to be hardwired to the bureaucracy. It's simple: Don't leave policy making to administration. The legislative body sets policy, the executive branch administers it. And the budget is the vehicle which, in Lemon Grove's case, serves the bureaucracy rather than the citizenry.

JACK MOORE  
Lemon Grove

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT

Assigned File No 97021165

The Name of the Business:

JIM MC DONALD ENTERPRISES

located at: 3808 Rosecrans St. in San Diego, CA 92110 (P.O. Box 469) is hereby registered by the following owner:

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This business is conducted by:

an Individual

The transaction of business

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Signature of Registrant:

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This business is conducted by:

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The Names of the Business:

1. HABITAT RESTORE

2. SAN DIEGO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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TIJUANA - SAN DIEGO

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by:

a Corporation

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Signature of Registrant:

LOYD W. MORRIS

RESTORE DIRECTOR

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Trustee Sale No. 97-1986603-A Title Order No. 00643253 Reference No. 1986603 APN 577-202-25 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/27/96. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/25/97 at 10:00 A.M., Golden West Savings Association, Service Co., as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 08/30/96 as Page 97 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed

by Came A. Lavender, an unmarried woman, as Trustee World Savings and Loan Association, a Federal Savings and Loan Association, as Beneficiary. Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) At: At the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein. As more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1617 Skyline Drive, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$86,809.55. Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. Golden West Savings Association, Service Co., as Trustee, Post Office Box 34957, San Antonio, TX 78265-4957, Telephone Number: (210) 543-4998, Sales Status Line: (916) 387-7728. Nett Sanders, Assistant Secretary Date 08/27/97 ASAP 281242 09/04, 09/11, 09/18

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GEORGE F. TILL

1633 SCOTT ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 12/17/1996, and assigned File No. 96-023054.

Signature of withdrawing partner:

GEORGE F. TILL

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2530 GLEBE RD.

LEMON GROVE, CA 91945

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This business is conducted by:

Individuals - Husband and Wife

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## Church

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that literally. Instead of the 300,000 expected to attend there were over 1,000,000!).

Unfortunately, we would not be attending the mass with the pope. The city was so crowded we would have missed our train reservation and been stuck there until Wednesday. (The youth who stayed overnight at the raceway saw the pope Saturday night).

We, however, had mass at the hotel. I know that seeing the pope should have been the climax of our journey, but somehow it seemed more appropriate this way.

As I looked around the room, I could see the faces of the people who shared this pilgrimage with me (something that would not have happened at the papal mass). When it came time to offer each other a "sign of peace," Father Kirk and Father Ned had to wait because everyone wanted to reach out to each other.

It was this group here, not the million people on the racetrack, that made this trip so special.

Father Kirk reminded everyone to "remember the Journey." As we channeled out of Paris to London, I cried, not because I missed seeing the pope (we did, after all, see him in Rome ...), but

because of the memories and feelings I was leaving behind.

As our group flew out to Gatwick, I knew they were ready to go home.

I thought at the beginning of this trip, it was about meeting kids and groups from

other countries. But what I found out was it's about meeting each other. This journey, this pilgrimage, was not just about the things we saw around us, but the things we saw in ourselves.

The word "community" is used so often in church and civic contexts. My definition of the word means more now. Community isn't just the people we share space with. My community shared hopes, experiences, challenges, disappointments, frustrations, wonder, smells, tastes, laughter, love and water bottles. I'll remember the last three the most.

As I fly home I can only wish the best memories for my travel family. In my heart, I will carry this trip forever.

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**Sunday  
August 24**

**Monday  
August 25**

## God bless you, Dan Kunkel

by Bob Burns

Lemon Grove honored one of its own to the tune of \$350,000 by dedicating its newest park in his name. He was Dan Kunkel, a long-time city resident and activist, and a friend to a tremendous number of people.

Located at 8105 Lemon Grove Way, it is a small, neighborhood park with areas for half-court basketball, picnicking and children's play areas.

Dan Kunkel was a self-made man, self-trained in his heating and air-conditioning business and an ex-Marine. He left the Corps to marry and have a family while working for SDG&E. He developed his own business and, with his son, Mark, who carries on the business, made a success of it.

He was always involved in civic affairs, serving as a Building Appeals Board member and a planning commissioner before being elected to the city council in 1986.

He suffered a major heart attack while working on a job, after only two years of his term on the council.

Dan was a darling of the Sheriff's Department, a member of the Honorary Sheriff's Association, donating much time and equipment to the ASTREA Station.

His funeral service filled his

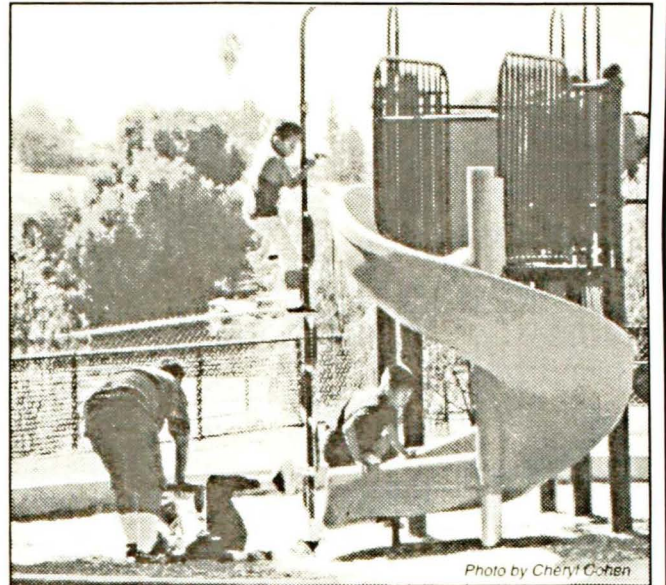


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church to capacity.

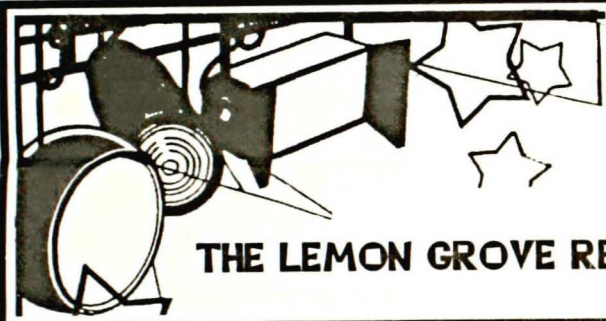
He was a very articulate and serious civil servant, and it was a shock to lose him at the young age of 51. His hobbies were old cars and old clocks. He once demonstrated the procedure of winding the many antique clocks.

Several years ago, the local Kiwanis Club chose to honor him by giving "Dan Kunkel Achievement" scholarships to local students. Dan was a fine example to all of us. He showed how one could have a highly successful

life with meager amounts of material assets. We wanted the award to be given to those who did the most with the least so to speak, and the club continues to do that today.

Because of Dan Kunkel Park, there will always be someone who will ask "who was Dan Kunkel?" I hope there will also always be someone who can tell them about him.

God bless you, Dan Kunkel, we are fortunate to have known you ...



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